

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: **ELECTRONIC PAYMENT
VALIDATION USING
TRANSACTION AUTHORIZATION
TOKENS**

Group Art Unit: 3696

Examiner: Ojo O. Oyebisi

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RESTRICTION ELECTION AND RESPONSE

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 6, 2009, Applicant elects Claim Set I, comprised of claims 1-28 and 42-43.

While Applicant make no representations as to whether the claims in the groups identified by the Examiner are patentably distinct from one another, Applicants dispute the Examiner's suggestion that the inventions set forth in Invention Groups I, II, and III are subject to restriction, and, for at least the following reasons, respectfully traverses this restriction requirement.

The restriction requirement argues that the claim sets are related combinations, and asserts that the combinations are distinct, and thus subject to restriction "if they are